




Re: Ohio Cancer Cluster Issue 

Richard Windsor to: Seth Oster

06/20/2011 01:53 PM

Cc: "Arvin Ganesan", Brendan Gilfillan, Adora Andy, Jose Lozano, Heidi Ellis

All fine. Tx.
Seth Oster

----- Original Message -----

From: Seth Oster

Sent: 06/20/2011 11:56 AM EDT

To: Richard Windsor

Cc: ganesan.arvin@epa.gov; Brendan Gilfillan; Adora Andy; Jose Lozano; Heidi Ellis

Subject: Ohio Cancer Cluster Issue
Administrator,

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Please advise.

Thanks.

Seth .

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Re: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

Susan Hedman to: Richard Windsor, Elizabeth Ashwell, Susan Hedman, Jose Lozano

08/17/2011 06:24 PM

I just read the article. The reporter definitely knows that the Regional Administrator is coming to the meeting (not you), but we will follow up to clarify that point.

From: Susan Hedman

Sent: 08/17/2011 06:11 PM EDT

To: Richard Windsor; Elizabeth Ashwell; "Susan Hedman" <Hedman.Susan@epa.gov>; "Jose Lozano" <lozano.jose@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

Yes -- I will be there tomorrow evening -- going there from Marshall, MI -- where I am about to speak at a public meeting on the oil spill response.

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Any advice?

From: Richard Windsor

Sent: 08/17/2011 05:57 PM EDT

To: Elizabeth Ashwell; "Susan Hedman" <hedman.susan@epa.gov>; "Jose Lozano" <lozano.jose@epa.gov>

Subject: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

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From: Google Alerts [googlealerts-noreply@google.com]
Sent: 08/17/2011 08:30 PM GMT
To: Richard Windsor
Subject: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

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[EPA Administrator, Clyde Cancer Cluster parents to finally meet](#)

19 Action News

The CDC may be the lead agency, but they have never set foot in Sandusky County nor has the Federal EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, who told 19 Action News she had no idea of what was happening in Clyde, Ohio back in June. Pretty odd considering that ...

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Re: tired !!!!! 
Susan Hedman to: Richard Windsor

10/30/2011 04:34 PM

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----- Original Message -----
From: Richard Windsor
Sent: 10/29/2011 04:08 PM EDT
To: Susan Hedman
Subject: Re: tired !!!!!

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----- Original Message -----
From: Susan Hedman
Sent: 10/29/2011 01:31 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: "Seth Oster" <oster.seth@epa.gov>; "Arvin Ganesan" <ganesan.arvin@epa.gov>; Laura Vaught
Subject: Fw: tired !!!!!

This is an e-mail I received today from Warren Brown -- the man you recently wrote about our investigation in the Clyde, Ohio area. Please note that the other addressees on this e-mail are two local TV reporters and a reporter for the Toledo Blade. All reported on your letter to Mr. Brown and the investigation that US EPA recently launched to identify sources of environmental risk in northwestern Ohio. A couple of weeks ago, the Toledo Blade also published an editorial that highlighted our efforts.

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Thanks,

Susan

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brown Family" [wbrown71439@woh.rr.com]

Sent: 10/29/2011 12:54 PM AST

To: "Tom Henry" <thenry@theblade.com>; "Jonathan Walsh" <jwalsh@wtol.com>;

"Scott Taylor" <staylor@19actionnews.com>

Cc: Susan Hedman; <dpollick@sanduskycohd.org>

Subject: FW: tired !!!!!

ALL,

I, believe that his email may not have gone through - thus it is sent a second time -

WPB

-----Original Message-----

From: Brown Family [mailto:wbrown71439@woh.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2011 12:22 PM

To: David G. Pollick [dpollick@sanduskycohd.org]; Tom Henry; Sarah Weber; Jonathan Walsh; Scott Taylor

Cc: Wendy Brown

Subject: tired !!!!!

All,

I listened to a NPR commentary this morning about some issue overseas and the thought came to me - What the hell is all the issue about overseas issues when we can't even care for the needs of our own citizens? (emphasis added)

I am tired, plain and simple - I want to hear from John Kasich - that he will look into it - he's a presidential hopeful who could care less about kids dying w/ cancer -

His Lt. Gov., Mary Taylor, assured me that he would meet w/ us - he won't - he's scared - he doesn't know how to approach a family that has lost a most precious gift in a child - namely, Alexa !!!!!!!!!!!!!

I'll be happy to offer on screen advertisement for any other opponent against him -----

I want to hear from Obama, personally, - (although I think Lisa Jackson promising she will meet w/ us is a good thing - it is far too little and far too late) who, as it appears only cares about being re-elected - almost \$1B for his re-election campaign - this is a sin and he should be ashamed that he doesn't take 1/2 of that money and dedicate it to figuring out why cancer is the #1 disease killer of kids !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Again, I ask him,

What he would do if one of his children happened to be on their cancer deathbed??????????????

For our county health dept. director to pooh-pooh away the possible science of EMF issues in aquifers just plain pisses me off - who is he to determine that that science isn't valid ???????

All,

I am at the end of my rope - I am at the point where we've heard "We don't know if we will ever know what happened in Clyde" - it is high time that we start focusing on the issues internal and figure out what occurred.

Scott and Jonathan,

It is time to put Rob Nichols on the spot - does Kasich have the intestinal fortitude to meet w/ us or not??????????????

If he does not, then I will personally see that his name is noted as one who does not care about the death of children !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Media friends, please help us, after 5 yrs - (how incredulous that is has been 5 yrs) get to the bottom of this issue - I will not tolerate any add'l statements saying what we want to hear as opposed to saying what is the TRUTH !!!!!!!

Having faced a very long night and morning, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Warren



Re: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa
Susan Hedman to: James O'Hara
Cc: Richard Windsor, "Susan Hedman", "Jim O'Hara"

11/15/2012 08:20 PM

I think we will have more clarity re: timing in a week or so.

Susan Hedman
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Great Lakes National Program Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Chicago, IL 60604

James O'Hara

I think it may be and have asked my staff to begi...

11/15/2012 04:12:37 PM

From: James O'Hara/DC/USEPA/US
To: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: "Susan Hedman" <hedman.susan@epa.gov>, "Jim O'Hara" <O'Hara.James@epamail.epa.gov>
Date: 11/15/2012 04:12 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

I think it may be and have asked my staff to begin working with Susan's team to see what makes sense and present a proposal to Susan and myself and let us kick the tires on it.

jao

Richard Windsor

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11/15/2012 03:34:13 PM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: "Susan Hedman" <hedman.susan@epa.gov>, "Jim O'Hara" <O'Hara.James@epamail.epa.gov>
Date: 11/15/2012 03:34 PM
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News

2 new results for lisa jackson epa

[EPA picks MMSD's Shafer for national advisory panel](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (blog)

EPA Administrator **Lisa Jackson** invited Shafer to serve on the agency's Local Government Advisory Committee as a representative of sewerage district directors throughout the nation. Members of the committee are not paid for their time but they are ...

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[Cancer cluster families: 'We're going to get some answers'](#)

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He suggested the man ask the U.S. EPA to do tests on his property. "I would be concerned," Mortensen told the man. Last year, U.S. EPA administrator Lisa Jackson promised she would come to Clyde to meet with the families affected by the Clyde cancer ...

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Newton, Jonathan

From: Jonathan Newton [Newton.Jonathan@epamail.epa.gov] on behalf of FOIA@epa.gov
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 6:06 PM
To: Newton, Jonathan
Subject: Fw: FW:Alisha Johnson HQ-2013-002864
Attachments: Sandusky Part 1.wmv; Clyde clips 21312.docx; ClyderesponsetoBlake.pdf; ATT93550.wmv; ATT656X9.pdf; ATQ30SU.pdf; image001.gif

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From: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US
To: FOIA
Date: 07/24/2013 03:51 PM
Subject: FW:

From: Alisha Johnson [<mailto:Johnson.Alisha@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 3:35 PM
To: Johnson, Alisha
Subject:

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From: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US
To: jackson@sanduskyregister.com
Date: 10/21/2011 01:56 PM
Subject: EPA statement

Please see our statement below, attributable to EPA, not to a specific individual:

"After a mid-August meeting with Clyde area families, EPA Regional Administrator Susan Hedman assigned investigators to review the history of industrial facilities and dump sites near Clyde. These investigators are working with state agencies to collect samples, which are being used to assess current conditions and to determine whether federal action is warranted. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson will be closely following this work and plans to visit Sandusky County next year when results of the investigation are available."

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From: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US
To: Hedman.Susan@epa.gov, Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Mathur.Bharat@epa.gov, Speizman.Elissa@epa.gov
Cc: cannon.phillippa@epa.gov, Francisco Arcaute/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Durno.Mark@epa.gov
Date: 02/13/2012 03:03 PM
Subject: 10 reporters at today's media availability in Sandusky County (Clyde)

OPA folks in Clyde tell me that the event went well. Reporters were very interested in / had lots of questions about the sampling.

Only one reporter (from the Sandusky Register) asked about the Administrator visiting the area.

I will forward clips as they become available.

Newspapers

Toledo Blade
Freemont News Messenger
Bellevue Gazette
Clyde Enterprise
Sandusky Register (weekly)

4 TV Stations

WOIO (CBS) Cleveland - Scott Taylor
Fox News Cleveland
Toledo TV 11(CBS)
Toledo 24 (Northwest Ohio News)
Fox News Toledo

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From: Phillippa Cannon/R5/USEPA/US
To: Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Margaret Guerriero/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Richard Karl/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Mark Durno/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Stephen Wolfe/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Virginia Narsete/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Francisco Arcaute/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Elissa Speizman/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Beverly Kush/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, David Bloomgren/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Brooke Furio/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, John Peterson/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 02/14/2012 09:58 AM
Subject: Clyde news clips

(See attached file: Clyde clips 21312.docx)

----- Forwarded by Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US on 07/24/2013 03:27 PM -----

From: Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US
To: "Alisha Johnson" <Johnson.Alisha@epamail.epa.gov>, "Andra Belknap" <belknap.andra@epa.gov>
Date: 07/12/2012 08:38 PM
Subject: Fw: Clyde, Ohio childhood cancer cluster -- materials for 7/13 call

For tomorrow's Clyde mtg

▼ Susan Hedman

----- Original Message -----

From: Susan Hedman
Sent: 07/12/2012 06:03 PM CDT
To: Jose Lozano; Brendan Gilfillan; James O'Hara; Janet Woodka
Subject: Clyde, Ohio childhood cancer cluster -- materials for 7/13 call

In preparation for our call tomorrow, it may be helpful to review the following items, which trace press coverage of US EPA involvement in the Clyde childhood cancer cluster issue -- beginning with LPJ's comments in June 2011, followed by my visit to Clyde in August 2011, an editorial highlighting LPJ's letter to one of the parents in October 2011, and ending with a February 2012 story describing our investigation of contaminated sites in Sandusky County. As a result of our investigation, there will be removals at at least two sites during the next several weeks. Updated information on our investigation is also available at: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/easternsandusky/index.html>

Federal EPA Director questioned about the Clyde Cancer Cluster
WOIO Channel 19 - Parts 1 & 2 - Aired June 17, 2011

(See attached file: Sandusky Part 1.wmv)(See attached file: .wmv)

EPA Administrator, Clyde Cancer Cluster parents to finally meet
WOIO Channel 19 - Aired Aug 17, 2011 <http://www.woio.com/story/15285294/epa-administrator-and-clyde-cancer-cluster-parents-to-finally-meet>

Getting Action: Feds travel to Clyde, OH to investigate Cancer Cluster
WOIO Channel 19 - Aired Aug 18, 2011 <http://www.woio.com/story/15294516/getting-action-feds-travel-to-clyde-oh-to-investigate-cancer-cluster>

After 5 years, EPA has no answer for cancer cluster
WTOL 11 - Aired Aug 19, 2011 <http://www.toledonewsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=15295228>

New hope for Clyde
Toledo Blade - October 24, 2011 <http://www.toledoblade.com/Editorials/2011/10/24/New-hope-for-Clyde-2.html>

Families devastated by the mysterious cluster of child-cancer cases in the Clyde area have a new glimmer of hope. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it will take a hard look at what the State of Ohio's pollution detectives have failed to uncover.

U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said this month that her agency may even take over the years-long environmental investigation that has stumped the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio EPA. The two state agencies have said the cancer cluster has an obvious environmental trigger. But they effectively closed the books on the case last May, saying they felt they had exhausted all possibilities to identify the cluster's cause.

Ms. Jackson responded to an inquiry by Sandusky County Administrator Warren Brown, whose 11-year-old daughter died of cancer in 2009. She said the agency's Great Lakes regional administrator, Susan Hedman, has "assigned investigators to review the history of industrial facilities and dump sites near Clyde."

Ms. Jackson told Mr. Brown she plans to come to Clyde to meet with him and others once her agency has determined "whether federal action is warranted." She said federal EPA investigators were specifically interested in the Clyde Dump and other area landfills.

According to Ohio EPA records, the 28-acre Clyde Dump was an unregulated facility that began taking waste in the 1930s, long before the modern era of waste disposal. It polluted Raccoon Creek and nearby groundwater for decades after it closed in 1969 with chemicals from uncontrolled leaching.

"It's unfortunate children have to die before our government pays attention," Mr. Brown says. But the new developments may at least offer enough cause to reopen the investigation.

A new analysis concludes that the Ohio Department of Health's protocol for screening for cancer risks in Clyde may have been too generous. Its author, Stephen Lester, is science director of the Center for Health, Environment & Justice, founded and led by environmentalist Lois Gibbs. Ms. Gibbs' activism led to the Love Canal evacuation in the 1970s, which inspired the creation of the nation's Superfund program for cleaning up toxic waste sites.

Families of cancer-stricken children don't need false hope. But they deserve to have every reasonable angle explored, even if that means auditing records of front-line state investigators. The U.S. EPA is right to re-examine the evidence.

U.S. EPA seeks cause of child cancer cluster: Soil, water, air samples to be taken from 14 sites

Toledo Blade - February 14, 2012 <http://www.toledoblade.com/Medical/2012/02/14/U-S-EPA-seeks-cause-of-child-cancer-cluster.html>



Richard Tosatto, from Buckeye Probe LLC, uses a geoprobe to take core samples from the ground near the 100 block of East St. in Clyde, Ohio.

CLYDE, Ohio — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began studying 14 sites for possible contamination Monday in what has become a years-long quest for the source of a childhood cancer cluster in this eastern Sandusky County community.

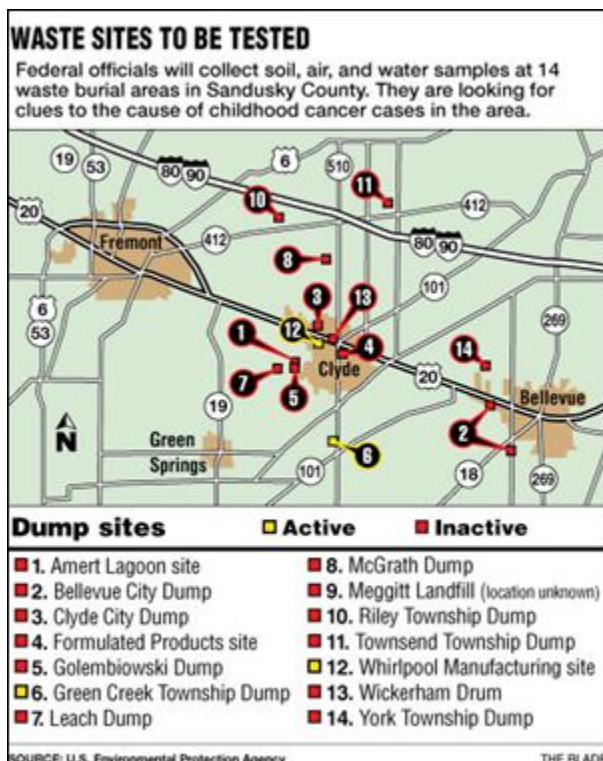
About a dozen EPA personnel and contractors surveyed a vacant lot and began taking soil samples Monday, representing the federal government's first involvement in the effort to determine the cause of at least 37 childhood cancer cases within a 12-mile radius of Clyde. Four children have died.

The vacant lot once housed a company called Formulated Products. The EPA removed hundreds of drums of chemicals from the site in the late 1990s. It was believed nothing was buried on the site, but with the outbreak of brain and central nervous system tumors, lymphoma, leukemia, and other forms of cancer among children in the area since 1996, federal authorities are now investigating the site, along with 13 others.

Most of the sites are former dumps that closed before the 1970s, prior to the era of modern solid waste management and regulation.

Four of the sites are owned by Whirlpool, the washing machine manufacturer and by far the area's largest employer, with more than 3,000 workers. The EPA also will look at the Clyde City Dump, where residential and industrial waste was deposited until 1969.

Steve Wolfe, on-scene coordinator for the EPA, said the agency and its contractors will collect underground soil, water, and air samples from the 14 sites over the next three weeks to identify possible waste burial areas. Those samples will be tested and evaluated. He said the public can expect results in late spring or early summer.



"We just don't know what's going to be there," Mr. Wolfe said.

Concerns about the 14 sites were identified in a 2009 study prepared by the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio EPA. The state agencies didn't take samples from those sites because there was no clear route through which the children would have come in contact with them, Ohio EPA spokesman Dina Pierce said.

The state ultimately concluded that an environmental problem had likely triggered the cancer cases, but could not determine the causes.

The U.S. EPA is essentially picking up where the state left off. Although the initial study will focus on 14 sites, Mr. Wolfe said other sites may be examined based on additional information.

The U.S. EPA has set up a confidential hot line, 1-855-838-1304, to gather tips about potentially contaminated sites. The agency has received about 50 calls and emails.

"We follow up on every lead," Mr. Wolfe said.

Area residents have expressed gratitude for the agency's involvement, he said.

Sandusky County Administrator Warren Brown, who lost his 11-year-old daughter Alexa to cancer the summer of 2009, said the U.S. EPA study can produce only good results.

"I think it's a great approach. If they find nothing, that's great. If they find something, that's also great, because if they find something and it gets fixed, maybe it precludes some other child or some other person from becoming ill," he said.

Still, he's frustrated about the slow speed of the response. It's been six years since the Sandusky County health department first began to investigate reports of multiple cases of childhood cancer in the Clyde area.

"My position is it shouldn't take five or six years for everybody to get on the ground and start doing what needs to be done," Mr. Brown said.

He acknowledged that the families affected by the cancer cluster may never know its cause. The source of cancer clusters is notoriously difficult for public health officials to prove.

U.S. EPA officials explained their plans to Mr. Brown and other area families during a meeting Monday at the Clyde Public Library. Local health officials and a representative from the office of U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D., Toledo) were also on hand. Warren Brown and the senator are not related.

"State and local health departments have worked diligently to find solutions, but have been unable to determine any causes thus far," the senator said in a statement Monday. "I applaud the EPA for their commitment to finding answers for the Clyde-area families."

Last year, Sen. Brown wrote to the U.S. EPA and Center for Disease Control requesting their agencies provide increased federal assistance to Ohio agencies investigating the high rate of childhood cancer in Clyde.

Contact Tony Cook at: tcCook@theblade.com or 419-724-6065.

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From: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US
To: James O'Hara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 07/26/2012 02:18 PM
Subject: Note regarding today's Eastern Sandusky interview (Clyde)

Jim and Alisha,

We'll be monitoring the media coverage. Taylor's story may generate others. We'll keep you posted on any other incoming press calls.

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Cc: Stephen Wolfe/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, James Justice
Date: 07/26/2012 01:07 PM
Subject: Eastern Sandusky Interview

Folks,

The on-camera interview went well. He asked three questions on-camera: 1 - What did the assessments reveal?; 2 - Why did we only do four borings at one of the Whirlpool sites?; and 3 - What happens next?

We explained that we identified threats to human health and the environment that would trigger action by U.S. EPA and that none of the low-level contaminants were migrating from the sites. We also explained that the contaminants were what we expected to see from the types of sites (municipal dumps / former light industrial) that they were.

We explained that the Whirlpool assessment was specific to former lagoons that used to be present on the property and not a full site characterization.

Finally, we assured them that we are not done - that we are investigating all tips and call that we received.

No questions were asked about timing of future work.

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md

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Date: 07/30/2012 12:18 PM
Subject: Sandusky Register reporter asking about Lisa Jackson's visit to Clyde

Alisha,

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I just wanted to give you a heads-up. Please let me know if that response is not OK. Thanks.

Josh Singer
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Cc: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Phillippa Cannon/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, James O'Hara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 07/30/2012 12:25 PM
Subject: Re: Sandusky Register reporter asking about Lisa Jackson's visit to Clyde

Joshua,
Please just point him my way. No need to send any additional response.

▼ Joshua Singer---07/30/2012 12:18:51 PM---Alisha, Sandusky Register reporter Tom Jackson asked if Lisa Jackson was still planning on visiting

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To: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 07/30/2012 03:35 PM
Subject: Re: EPA statement
Sent by: tom.jackson@gmail.com

Alisha,

I tried to leave you a voicemail, but I also thought I would try email: (b) (5)

Tom

On Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 1:56 PM, <Johnson.Alisha@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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Tom Jackson
Staff reporter
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"Sandusky is a vibrant, exciting city just like Paris or London, only closer to Lake Erie."
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Date: 07/30/2012 06:04 PM
Subject: Re: Eastern Sandusky Assessment into Whirlpool Park

Also, Josh - (b) (5)

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Date: 07/30/2012 02:11 PM
Subject: Eastern Sandusky Assessment into Whirlpool Park

Alisha:

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We may need to respond to reporters tomorrow morning, so please let me know by 5 p.m. eastern time if you have any comments. Thank you.

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Date: 07/30/2012 08:52 AM
Subject: Fw: Whirlpool Park

FYI

See below -- Whirlpool seems to be announcing the issue at the park

Thanks,

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To: Stephen Wolfe/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 07/30/2012 09:42 AM
Subject: Re: Whirlpool Park

Steve,

Just a "heads-up".

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Bob

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Date: 07/31/2012 11:47 AM
Subject: Re: Whirlpool Statement

Ok, statement is fine. Thanks, Josh.

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Subject: Re: Whirlpool Statement

Alisha,

Whirlpool is writing an article about the assessment in the company's factory newsletter and also informing the company's Clyde management about the assessment at Whirlpool Park.

Scott Taylor is looking for on the record comment (he requested an on-camera interview) and other reporters will call after his story airs.

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Date: 07/31/2012 07:30 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: 19 Action News: PCB at Whirlpool property

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From: Alisha Johnson
Sent: 07/31/2012 07:53 AM EDT
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Sent: 07/30/2012 09:20 PM CDT
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Subject: Re: Fw: 19 Action News: PCB at Whirlpool property

That sounds good. I'll send Scott Taylor the desk statement tomorrow. Thanks.

-----Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

From: Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US

Date: 07/30/2012 06:56PM

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Date: 07/30/2012 06:54 PM

Subject: Fw: 19 Action News: PCB at Whirlpool property

Mark and Steve:

Please see Scott Taylor's email below.

He would like to interview you about the PCBs at Whirlpool Park. He can go to the Westlake office between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m tomorrow (Wednesday).

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Josh

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From: "Taylor, Scott" <ScottTaylor@woio.com>
Date: 07/30/2012 06:19PM
Subject: 19 Action News: PCB at Whirlpool property

I understand that PCB was found at a Whirlpool property during your tests and I would like to speak to someone with your regional office tomorrow on camera. What time would someone be available? I am able to meet them in WESTLAKE anytime between 11:30 am and 1 pm.

Thanks!

Scott Taylor

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Date: 11/14/2012 09:23 AM
Subject: Sandusky Register: Browns and other families holding press conference today

Hi Jim, this came as news this morning. I'm available to discuss scheduling the upcoming Clyde visit any time today. I'm on my way in to office now and eta is 9 am (central).

▼ Elissa Speizman

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From: Elissa Speizman
Sent: 11/14/2012 08:10 AM CST
To: Susan Hedman; Bharat Mathur; Richard Karl; Margaret Guerriero; Robert Kaplan
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U.S. EPA: Whirlpool Park has high levels of PCBs, metals

Several families affected by the Clyde-area childhood cancer cluster have retained a victim's rights attorney after learning a local park may be at the center of the mysterious rash of illnesses.

Sandusky Register Staff
Clyde

Nov 13, 2012



The families, including Wendy and Warren Brown, the parents of 11-year-old Alexa Brown who died of brain cancer in 2009, said in a statement late Tuesday night they're devastated a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency investigation found high levels of PCBs and toxic metals in the soil at Whirlpool Park.

The park, located at Township Road 187 and County Road 181 in Green Springs, was opened in the 1950s by Whirlpool Corp. as a recreation area for families. It had a pool in addition to basketball courts and a playground. The park has since closed. It is no longer owned by Whirlpool Corp., and sites currently owned by Whirlpool have passed environmental tests.

Several parents of cancer cluster children have previously said they spent time at Whirlpool Park before it closed. The families announced they would gather for a press conference at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Clyde Public Library to discuss the findings.

"Obviously, it is upsetting to learn that such significant amounts of poison sludge are dumped anywhere. But to either dump it in proximity or cover it over with a children's park and a swimming pool filled with water coming from the very spot where the dumping occurred is an outrage," said Alan W. Mortensen, a victim's rights attorney retained by the cancer cluster families, in a statement. "It calls into question what really was at the other dump sites and other clues that were overlooked or not discovered until the U.S. EPA stepped in to determine the cause of this cancer cluster."

For more on this story, pick up a copy of Wednesday's Register and read the U.S. EPA's report below.

Related Files:

 [U.S. EPA report on findings.](#)

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Date: 11/15/2012 10:14 AM
Subject: When is Lisa Jackson coming to Clyde, Ohio?
Sent by: tom.jackson@gmail.com

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Date: 11/16/2012 02:04 PM
Subject: Fw: more from Clyde press conference

Hi all,

Thursday's Sandusky Register story references the Administrator's visit. Here's the link to the full story:
<http://www.sanduskyregister.com/article/toxic-park/2819191>

A key excerpt:

Last year, U.S. EPA administrator Lisa Jackson promised she would come to Clyde to meet with the families affected by the Clyde cancer cluster.

Mortensen said his firm has contacted Jackson's office and asked about the promise, and he hasn't received a reply yet. While the families believe the U.S. EPA should carry out further testing, there's been no commitment from the agency.

"They said that everything is finished for the time being," Mortensen said.

There's video of reporter Tom Jackson's interview with Wendy Brown (click on the link above). The key part (with some minor paraphrasing) follows ...

"She [Lisa Jackson] promised us a year ago in September that she - when we - we met with the Region 5 Administrator, Susan Hedman, back in September of 11 and in that she said that, well, Lisa Jackson she wrote a letter to us to warn me and she said she was going to come to Clyde to talk to the families within the year."

Reporter: "So, the promise has already been broken?"

"...Maybe, she has six weeks left...But she promised that she was going to talk with the families."

Here's the full story:



[Toxic Park](#)

Cancer cluster families: 'We're going to get some answers'

Tom Jackson
Clyde
Nov 15, 2012

Steve Keller choked back tears Wednesday afternoon as he held up a photo of his grandson, Kole Keller, who died of cancer at the age of 6.

"There is a human face on all of this," Keller said. "There are other faces out there. This community has to be made safe."

Kole died in April 2007, a victim of the childhood cancer cluster in Eastern Sandusky County. Sitting beside Keller in the Whirlpool Room at Clyde Public Library was Warren Brown, whose daughter, Alexa, died of cancer in 2009 at age 11.

"I'm not going to make any comments," Brown said, television news cameras trained on him. "I want you to focus in on that."

He somberly picked up a photo of his daughter.

"We're going to get some answers," Brown said. "(When) Alexa lay on her death bed, I told her her death would not be in vain. We are going to get some answers."

Now, for the first time since Alexa was diagnosed with cancer and later died of the disease, her parents suspect answers are beginning to emerge about the Clyde cancer cluster.

"I feel more hopeful we're going to at least find out the truth," said Wendy Brown, Alexa's mother.

The Browns and other relatives of local children who have died from cancer attended the news conference in Clyde, alongside two attorneys hired to represent several of the families.

At least four young people in the Clyde area have died of cancer: Alexa in 2009; Shilah Donnersbach, 20, in 2007; Kole in 2007; and Jacob "Bubba" Andrews, 22, in March 2012.

Up to 40 children in the area have contracted cancer.

Investigators believe they could be zeroing in on real answers.

The families' two attorneys, Alan Mortensen and Dustin Lance of Salt Lake City, reviewed new information about sites in the Clyde area that are contaminated by possible carcinogenic chemicals.

A new U.S. EPA report, posted in late October on a U.S. EPA website, shows the presence of numerous cancer-causing chemicals at the former Whirlpool Park at Township Road 187 and County Road 181 in Green Springs.

The park, built by Whirlpool in the early 1950s, had a swimming pool, playground and other amenities.

The EPA report indicates testing uncovered a large number of PCBs — believed to be a cancer-causing agent — at the park, along with toxic metals.

Because of the findings, the EPA will have to require a cleanup, Mortensen said.

Whirlpool responds

Jeffrey Noel, Whirlpool's vice president for communications and public affairs, said Whirlpool is eager to work with the U.S. EPA to carry out additional testing at Whirlpool Park.

The company has not yet reached an agreement with the current owner of the property.

If necessary, the company will pay for a site cleanup, he said.

"It was used as a park parcel when it was purchased," Noel said. "Whirlpool did not knowingly expand the park on a contaminated site."

"We became aware of the findings when the EPA gave us a copy of the sampling data," Noel said. "That was the first time we became aware there was contamination on the site."

Whirlpool bought the park in 1953, and records show the pool had been there since 1930, Whirlpool spokeswoman Kristine Vernier said.

The park closed in 2006 and was sold in 2008, she said.

Whirlpool Clyde plant leader Dan O'Brien wrote a letter to employees, outlining steps the company has taken to carry out further testing at Whirlpool Park.

"Meanwhile, it is important to understand, that we truly believe there is no current exposure risk posed by this substance," O'Brien wrote. "As stated in U.S. EPA materials, PCBs are a very stable substance that does not readily migrate, and the use and disposal of PCBs was a common practice, and within the laws and standards of the 1950s and 1960s."

His email continued: "We continue to work toward gaining access to the site and will continue to work with state and federal agencies to abide by the law, and address the issues on the site until they are satisfactorily resolved in the best interest of the community and its residents."

Mortensen said his law firm knows Whirlpool Park was used by the company as a dump site.

"It was intentionally put there and used to landscape the park," he said.

Noel said Whirlpool wants to carry out further testing, working with the U.S. EPA to get the facts.

"I simply can't address a statement or speculation that somebody has provided," he said.

According to Whirlpool records, the site was used for recreation, he said.

The attorneys also discussed other sites they believe deserve further investigation, including the Clyde city dump, where Mortensen said Whirlpool dumped much of its waste. The site has arsenic, PCBs, Boron and other potentially harmful chemicals, Mortensen said.

Raccoon Creek also goes by the dump.

"There is leachate you can still see of toxins going into Raccoon Creek," he said.

PCBs and arsenic have been found at the Whirlpool manufacturing site, although the EPA concluded nothing needed to be done, Mortensen said.

The two attorneys emphasized they don't know that the Clyde cancer cluster was caused by chemicals at any of the sites under review, and they do not plan to file a lawsuit unless they're sure they can assign responsibility.

"You don't want to sue the wrong person," Lance said. "You don't want to sue someone who's innocent."

If answers from Whirlpool and other parties aren't forthcoming, the attorneys said they'd file a lawsuit to give themselves subpoena power, which would force the answers in court.

The attorneys said they'll represent the families in pressing government agencies and Whirlpool Corp. for more information about the findings, and they'll carry out their own investigation as much as possible.

They announced a hotline number, 419-552-1988, which they said local residents can call to offer tips and suggestions for further investigation.

They cautioned, however, they cannot guarantee anonymity and might be forced to reveal who called with any particular bits of information.

When the preliminary results from EPA testing at Whirlpool Park were announced during the summer, Warren Brown, Alexa's father, said he doubted the park was connected to the cancer cluster.

On Wednesday, however, he indicated he wants to wait for all of the facts before expressing an opinion.

Keller, Kole's grandpa, said he was "infuriated" when the Ohio EPA came in and said there was nothing there.

Trina Donnersbach, mother of Shilah Donnersbach, also attended the news conference and held up a photo of her daughter.

The attorneys said a woman who used to live next to Whirlpool Park also contracted cancer. The woman's dog died of cancer, too, they said.

One man who attended Wednesday's news conference said he lives next to the park — he asked if he is safe.

Mortensen said he can't answer the question, unless testing is carried out. He suggested the man ask the U.S. EPA to do tests on his property.

"I would be concerned," Mortensen told the man.

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The attorneys said they're experienced in handling disaster litigation.

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Hi Alisha --

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(I don't think the 26th will work because I won't get to DC until around 10 pm.)

Best,

Susan

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Susan, I am hearing you will be in town the Monday after Thanksgiving. If that is the case, we can wait and have the call when you're here in person. Let me know what works best.

Thank you,
Alisha

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Date: 11/18/2012 08:00 PM
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I'd like to meet as soon as possible after the retreat ends so that I can catch a flight back to Chicago. Thanks.

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▼ Alisha Johnson---11/17/2012 09:46 PM EST---That sounds good, Susan. I will get a meeting set up for the 27th.

From: Alisha Johnson
To: Susan Hedman
Cc: Anne Rowan; Jose Lozano; Victoria Rivas-Vazquez
Date: 11/17/2012 09:46 PM EST
Subject: Re: Clyde

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largely because we are likely t

From: Susan Hedman
To: Alisha Johnson
Cc: Anne Rowan; Jose Lozano; Victoria Rivas-Vazquez
Date: 11/16/2012 04:20 PM EST
Subject: Re: Clyde

Hi Alisha --

I would prefer to meet when I am in DC on 11/27 - 28 --

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(I don't think the 26th will work because I won't get to DC until around 10 pm.)

Best,

Susan

Susan Hedman
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Chicago, IL 60604

▼ Alisha Johnson---11/16/2012 01:09:37 PM---Susan and Anne, We'd like to set up a time to discuss next steps on Clyde. Can we set up a call with

From: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US
To: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jose Lozano/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Victoria Rivas-Vazquez/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/16/2012 01:09 PM
Subject: Clyde

Susan and Anne,
We'd like to set up a time to discuss next steps on Clyde. Can we set up a call with our congressional and technical folks, and your team on this next week?
Susan, I am hearing you will be in town the Monday after Thanksgiving. If that is the case, we can wait and have the call when you're here in person. Let me know what works best.

Thank you,
Alisha

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To: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/19/2012 11:02 AM
Subject: Clyde statement

Anne,

Do you have the statement that we used a while back re: the Administrator visiting Clyde? It was a statement updating on EPA's progress and that last line said she will visit when the review is complete. Do you have that one?

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To: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/19/2012 11:06 AM
Subject: Re: Clyde statement

Yes, I think so - need to locate it. Josh? Can you help?

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▼ Alisha Johnson---11/19/2012 10:02:22 AM---Anne, (b) (5)

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To: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Date: 11/19/2012 10:02 AM
Subject: Clyde statement

Anne,

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From: Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US
To: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Anne and Alisha,

Please see the statement below.

Is this what you're looking for?

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Thanks.

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Cc: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/28/2011 11:29 AM
Subject: Re: reporter question about Clyde, Ohio

Here is the latest. Anne, anything new here?

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▼ Anne Rowan---11/28/2011 12:27:23 PM---I'm not in the office today but we did have a desk statement. If we can hold off until Tuesday, I ca

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Joshua Singer

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Date: 11/19/2012 11:33 AM
Subject: Re: Clyde Statement regarding Lisa Jackson from Nov. 28, 2011

(b) (5) Thanks, Josh.

▼ Joshua Singer---11/19/2012 11:25:54 AM---Anne and Alisha, Please see the statement below.

From: Joshua Singer/R5/USEPA/US
To: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/19/2012 11:25 AM
Subject: Clyde Statement regarding Lisa Jackson from Nov. 28, 2011

Anne and Alisha,

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Subject: Re: Can you please send the Clyde statement?

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I already had that, but where is the recent statement on the administrator's visit?

Tom

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Cc: Dale Perry/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Shawn Foucher <shawnfoucher@sanduskyregister.com>, tom.jackson@gmail.com
Date: 11/19/2012 01:33 PM
Subject: Re: One more attempt to get my questions answered

Tom,
Per my previous email, I will provide you with an update on timing as soon as I have it.

▼ "Tom Jackson@sanduskyregister.com" ---11/19/2012 01:31:59 PM---Dear Ms. Johnson, Last year EPA administrator Lisa Jackson made a commitment to visit Clyde

From: "Tom Jackson@sanduskyregister.com" <tomjackson@sanduskyregister.com>
To: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Dale Perry/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Shawn Foucher <shawnfoucher@sanduskyregister.com>, LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/19/2012 01:31 PM
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Last year EPA administrator Lisa Jackson made a commitment to visit Clyde in 2012 and meet with the families of children affected by the Clyde Cancer Cluster.

As I write these words, it is Nov. 19. I don't think I'm out of line in asking what happened to that commitment. I also don't think it's asking too much for you to treat this in a professional manner, i.e. returning telephone calls and answering my questions. I'd like to know if the administrator plans to keep her commitment and if so, when.

Tom

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To: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 12/07/2012 11:37 AM
Subject: Fremont News Messenger will be calling about Clyde today (on 2pm Eastern Deadline)

Hi Alisha,

I've referred reporter Kristina Horn to you since she asking about an LPJ visit to the Clyde families.

Below is a summary of our conversation this morning.

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From: Anne Rowan/R5/USEPA/US
To: Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: Elissa Speizman/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Richard Karl/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Tinka Hyde/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 12/07/2012 10:32 AM
Subject: Re: Draft Responses to Fremont News-Messenger - deadline is Friday 2 pm (Central).

I just spoke to the reporter (Kristina Horn) and referred her to the website and to Alisha. She asked me three times whether EPA would investigate or clean up Vickery as part of the "cancer cluster project."

I clarified that U.S. EPA's work was focused an environmental assessment, and the sites that have been assessed or that we plan to assess are discussed on the webpage.

She asked whether Vickery was one of the sites noted on the webpage. I declined her repeated questions about the attorneys requesting a "cleanup at Vickery," saying EPA has no further comment.

It was unclear to me whether she'd attribute the above to me or an EPA spokeswoman, saying her editors would decide.

She asked if EPA had further information to share and I noted that we will be updating the webpage.

The interview was professional and cordial but I think the story will focus on the assertions of the attorney(s) hired by the families.

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Cc: Speizman.Elissa@epa.gov, Karl.Richard@epa.gov
Date: 12/17/2012 01:48 PM
Subject: Response to correspondence re: visit to Clyde, Ohio - Please advise

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Date: 12/17/2012 02:05 PM
Subject: Re: Response to correspondence re: visit to Clyde, Ohio - Please advise

Anne--

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To: Michael Emerson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 12/17/2012 07:16 PM
Subject: appointment on Tuesday with Jim and Vicki

Hi Mike,

Jim asked me to work with you on setting up a time to chat regarding a possible visit to Clyde, Ohio.

I'm free any time between 10:30 a.m and 1:30 central and again after 3:30 central. Thanks.

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Date: 12/18/2012 04:14 PM
Subject: Re: Response to correspondence re: visit to Clyde, Ohio - Please advise

Rick, do you have the incoming? I haven't seen it. Thanks.

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Cc: Diane Thompson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/08/2013 12:12 AM
Subject: Re: Clyde

Thanks -- we will put together a draft during the next couple of days.

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To: Andra Belknap/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, James O'Hara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Alisha Johnson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/10/2013 09:04 AM
Subject: Re: BP Trip Tomorrow to Cincinnati

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▼ Andra Belknap---01/10/2013 08:18 AM EST-- (b) (5)

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Victoria Rivas-Vazquez---01/09/2013 11:27 PM EST---Hey ...

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Date: 01/10/2013 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: BP Trip Tomorrow to Cincinnati

Draft stmt:

Last year, after learning about the history of childhood cancer cases in the Clyde area, Administrator Jackson directed
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Victoria Rivas-Vazquez---01/10/2013 09:27 AM EST---Andra, (b) (5)

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Date: 01/29/2013 11:13 AM
Subject: Comment on Clyde visit?
Sent by: tom.jackson@gmail.com

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Date: 02/03/2013 11:40 AM
Subject: Clyde...from Sandusky Register website

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Date: 02/05/2013 05:44 PM

Subject: Re: Clyde...from Sandusky Register website

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Date: 02/06/2013 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: Clyde...from Sandusky Register website

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